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James J. Barta

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940

Education: St. Mary's U 1963 BS; St. Louis U 1966 JD

Began Service: September 1, 1978

Term Expires: October 1, 2014

Government: Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice (1966-1970); Assistant Circuit Attorney, St. Louis Circuit (1970-1976); Chief Trial Attorney (1971-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, Department of Justice (1977-1978)

Legal Practice: Associate, Guilfoil, Petzall & Shoemaker (1976-1977)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; American Judicature Society; Metropolitan Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; St. Louis Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Melany Kniffen** (314) 244-4512

Education: St. Louis U 1994 JD

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Barry S. Schermer

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Washington U 1973 JD

Began Service: 1986

Term Expires: October 14, 2014

Affiliation: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Washington University School of Law

Staff

Law Clerk **Susan Spraul** (314) 244-4532

Education: North Carolina 1990 JD

Judicial Assistant **Barbara Sutton** (314) 244-4531

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Kathy A. Surratt-States

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: January 4, 1967

Education: Oklahoma City 1988 BA; Washington U 1991 JD

Began Service: March 17, 2003

Term Expires: March 2017

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Bankruptcy Judge James J. Barta, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (1991-1993); Judicial Intern, Bankruptcy Judge Barry S. Schermer, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (1989)

Legal Practice: Associate, Campbell & Coyne, P.C. (1993-1998); Principal, Ziercher & Hocker, P.C. (2000-2001); Associate, Ziercher & Hocker, P.C. (1998-1999); Member, Husch & Eppenberger, LLC (2001-2003)

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Current Memberships: Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Missouri Bar Association; Mound City Bar Association

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David P. McDonald

Senior Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1938

Education: Washington U 1960 BA, 1962 JD

Began Service: December 3, 1982

Term Expires: December 2, 2014

Government: Chief Trial and Special Assistant Circuit Attorney, Criminal Prosecution, State of Missouri (1965-1975); Administrative Law Judge, Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration (1975-1979); Administrative Law Judge, National Labor Relations Board (1979-1982)

Judicial: Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

Military Service: United States Army (1962-1964)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

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Education: Missouri 1997 JD

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Dean Whipple

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1938

Education: Drury 1961 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1965 JD

Began Service: December 1987

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: Prosecuting Attorney, County of Laclede, Missouri (1967-1971)

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Division II, 26th Judicial Circuit (1975-1987)

Military Service: Missouri National Guard (1956-1961); United States Army Reserve (1961-1966)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Kansas City Inn of the Court; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Laclede County Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; Missouri Trial Judges Association; 26th Judicial Bar Association

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Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948

Education: Pittsburg State 1970 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1974 JD

Began Service: 1991

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Corporate: Attorney, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (1974-1980)

Judicial: Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit (1980-1986); Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1986-1991)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation; Jackson County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association

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Ortrie D. Smith

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: Missouri BA, JD

Began Service: August 1995

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Legal Practice: Partner, Ewing, Smith, & Hoberock (1971-1995)

Staff

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Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 2002 JD

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Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 1990 JD

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Education: Nebraska 1981 BS

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Gary A. Fenner

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Kansas 1970 BA; Missouri (Kansas City) 1973 JD

Began Service: July 26, 1996

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Business Law Instructor (part-time), Webster College (1976-1977)

Government: Assistant City Attorney, City of St. Joseph (1973-1977); City Councilman, City of St. Joseph (1977-1978)

Judicial: Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit (1979-1988); Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1988-1996)

Legal Practice: Associate of Daniel M. Czamanske, Attorney at Law (1973); Partner, Shoemaker, Summers and Fenner (1977-1978)

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